19. Nothing in any contract made after the first day of January, 1886, shall take away or limit the right of a tenant to make improvements and to claim compenstaion for them in accordance with the provisions of this Act : Contracts affecting tenant's right to make improvements.

Provided that noting herein contained shall affect any agreement in writing registered made after the effecting of the improvements settling the amount of compensation due therefor at the date of such agreement.

20. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as taking away the right of any person who may be entitled by law or custom to claim compensation for any improvements other than those dealt with under the provisions of this Act. Saving clause.

MADRAS ACT No. V OF 1900.[1]

[THE MADRAS IRRIGATION CESS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1900.]

[*4th September* 1900]

An Act to amend Madras Act VII of 1865.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend Madras Act VII of 1865 ; It is hereby enacted as follows :— Preamble.

1. Sections 1 and 4 of Madras Act VII of 1865, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, shall be read and construed as if at the time of the passing of the said Act there were and had been inserted in lieu of the said sections the following, viz.— New section substituted for sections 1 and 4.

[*Vide pages* 328 *to* 331 *supra.*]

2. No water-cess which would not have been leviable if this Act had not been passed shall be hereafter levied for any period prior to the 1st July 1899. Limitation on the retrospective effect of section 1.

3. All rules that may hereafter be prescribed by Government under section 1 of the said Act and any alterations or amendments that may hereafter be made in the rules made under that section which are now in force shall be made after previous publication. New rules, etc., under section 1 to be made after previous publication.

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[1] Short title, "The Madras Irrigation Cess (Amendment) Act, 1900"— was given by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1901 (Central Act XI of 1901).

For Statement of Objects and Reasons, *see Fort St. George Gazette* Supplement, dated 8th March 1898, p. 22: for Report of the Select Committee, *see ibid*, dated 3rd March 1900, p. 1 ; for Proceedings in Council, *see ibid*, dated 3rd May 1898, p. 34 ; *ibid*, 12th December 1899, p. 16 ; and *ibid*, 12th June 1900, p. 176.